

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

May 22, 2006  
Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kathy Keolker called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; TONI NELSON; DENIS LAW; TERRI BRIERE; MARCIE PALMER; DON PERSSON. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMAN DAN CLAWSON. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

KATHY KEOLKER, Mayor; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; LINDA HERZOG, Interim Assistant to the CAO; PETER RENNER, Facilities Director; MICHAEL BAILEY, Finance and Information Services Administrator; INTERIM CHIEF LARRY RUDE, DEPUTY CHIEF CHUCK DUFFY, and FIRE MARSHAL/BATTALION CHIEF STAN ENGLER, Fire Department; CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH and COMMANDER CHARLES MARSALISI, Police Department.

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATIONS**

Fire: Employee Promotions

Interim Chief Larry Rude announced the Fire Department employee promotions, as follows:

- Firefighter Paul Harm, promoted to Lieutenant;
- Lieutenant Karl Rufener, promoted to Captain;
- Captain Mark Peterson, promoted to Battalion Chief; and
- Battalion Chief Chuck Duffy, promoted to Deputy Chief.

**Added**

Board/Commission: Municipal  
Arts Commission 2006  
BRAVO Award

Mike O'Halloran, Municipal Arts Commission Chair, announced that Nancy Hoben is the recipient of the BRAVO Award, which honors citizens who have made a significant contribution to the enjoyment of art, and an impact with Renton art organizations. Mr. O'Halloran detailed Ms. Hoben's contributions to the Renton community, which include participating on the Allied Arts of Renton Board, Renton Civic Theatre Board, Municipal Arts Commission, and Renton Annual Art Show Committee; teaching art classes; producing the 2001 Renton Centennial production "Rentennial"; and assisting with the Renton Farmers Market and Cuautla Sister City program.

Mayor Keolker presented Ms. Hoben with a framed certificate that was decorated with a drawing of her by artist Doug Kyes. Additionally, Mr. Kyes presented Ms. Hoben's husband with the original drawing. Ms. Hoben expressed her appreciation for the award, and her admiration for all those who volunteer and work for the Renton community.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORT**

Linda Herzog, Interim Assistant to the CAO, reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2006 and beyond. Items noted included:

\* The Renton Farmers Market begins Tuesday, June 6th, at the Piazza. The market takes place every Tuesday from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and runs through September 19th.

\* The *Reuse It! Renton, Stop & Swap* event will be held on June 3rd at the Renton Memorial Stadium south parking lot.

AJLS: Community Leadership Award, WA Association of School Administrators

Mayor Keolker announced that the City was recently awarded the Community Leadership Award by the Washington Association of School Administrators in recognition of Renton's support of education.

#### **AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: DeMastus - Highlands Community Association, Senator Prentice Letter

Sandel DeMastus, 1137 Harrington Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, stated that the comment she made at the April 24th Council meeting regarding the 11th District legislators and the Highlands Community Association was taken out of context in the letter entered into the record at the May 8th Council meeting from Senator Margarita Prentice.

Citizen Comment: Petersen - Various

Inez Petersen, 3306 Lake Washington Blvd. N., #3, Renton, 98056, objected to having to give her name and address prior to commenting at the Council meeting. She expressed her disappointment that her request for an individual Councilmember vote was not allowed on the matter of the Highlands Subarea Plan Study Area Moratorium extension at the May 8th Council meeting. Ms. Petersen also expressed her desire to know how Councilmembers vote on various matters, and her desire for an immediate way of communicating if she thinks any comments made at Council meetings are inaccurate.

Citizen Comment: Colee - Variance Fee Waiver Request, Fence Height

Jeff Colee, 330 Park Ave. N., Renton, 98055, asked for a waiver of the \$100 fee to apply for a variance for his eight-foot-high fence that separates his house from his neighbor's house. Pointing out that his neighbor feeds feral cats, Mr. Colee explained that he erected the fence to prevent the feral cats from using his property as a litter box, as his wheelchair comes in direct contact with the waste. He indicated that other eight-foot-high fences exist in his neighborhood, and he has been working with animal control in regards to the cats. Mr. Colee reported that he has received an order to correct from the City, and requests a variance fee waiver as he is low-income and cannot afford the fee.

**MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

AJLS: Renton River Days Fee Waivers & Banner Installation

Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services Department requested the following: waiver of permit fees for 2006 Renton River Days activities endorsed by Renton River Days Board of Directors; waiver of City Center Parking garage fees from July 21 to July 23; and authorization to install River Days banners on City light poles from June 12 to July 24. Council concur.

CAG: 05-114, Riverview Park Bridge Renovation, Marine Vacuum Service

Community Services Department submitted CAG-05-114, Riverview Park Bridge Renovation; and requested approval of the project, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$9,535.85 to Marine Vacuum Service, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Human Services: 2007/2008 Funding Criteria for CDBG & General Fund Allocation

Community Services Department recommended approval of the 2007/2008 Human Services funding criteria for allocation of Community Development Block Grants and General Funds. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Annexation: Hudson, Benson Rd S & SE 168th St	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended a public hearing be set on 6/5/2006 to consider the 60% Petition to Annex and R-8 and R-10 zoning for the proposed Hudson Annexation; 13.69 acres located in the vicinity of Benson Rd. S. and SE 168th St. Council concur.
Annexation: Perkins, SE 95th Pl & 128th Ave SE	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended a public hearing be set on 6/5/2006 to consider the 60% Petition to Annex and R-4 zoning for the proposed Perkins Annexation; 15.47 acres located south of SE 95th Pl. and east of 128th Ave. SE, if extended. Council concur.
Utility: Sewer Moratorium in East Renton Plateau PAA	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended a public hearing be set on 6/5/2006 to consider extending the moratorium on sewer availabilities for new subdivisions in the East Renton Plateau Potential Annexation Area. Council concur.
EDNSP: Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption, Chateau de Ville	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval of the multi-family housing property tax exemption agreement for the Chateau de Ville project, 110 Williams Ave. S. Refer to <u>Planning and Development Committee</u> .
CAG: 04-013, North Renton Infrastructure Improvements, W&H Pacific	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Supplemental Agreement #6 to CAG-04-013, agreement with W&H Pacific, Inc. for design and construction engineering support in the amount of \$468,873.95 for the South Lake Washington Roadway Improvements Project. Refer to <u>Transportation (Aviation) Committee</u> .
<b><u>Added Item 6.i.</u></b> CAG: 06-066, Airport Entrance Rehabilitation Project, Construct Co	City Clerk reported bid opening on 5/3/2006 for CAG-06-066, Airport Entrance Rehabilitation; three bids; engineer's estimate \$250,000 to \$300,000; and submitted staff recommendation to authorize the use of funds from existing capital projects and award the contract to low bidder, Construct Co., in the amount of \$571,200. Council concur.  MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE ITEM 6.i. CARRIED.
<b><u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u></b> <b><u>Planning &amp; Development Committee</u></b> Development Services: Garages and Carports within Setbacks	Planning and Development Committee Chair Briere presented a report regarding the issue of carports and garages in residential setback areas within the North and South Renton neighborhoods. The Committee discussed City Code setback requirements and acknowledged that many existing structures intrude into the setback area. The Committee recognized that new structures are not allowed to intrude into the setback unless authorized through the granting of a variance. Existing legal non-conforming structures may remain, and no variance is necessary.  The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to retain existing setbacks for residential zones in order to provide adequate separation between structures and properties. Furthermore, the Committee recommended that no code compliance action be initiated for existing legal non-conforming structures, in keeping with the provisions of City Code. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.
<b><u>Utilities Committee</u></b> Utility: Billing Adjustments for Water Leaks	Utilities Committee Vice Chair Briere presented a report regarding water and wastewater billing adjustments for water leaks. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the proposed modifications

to City Code Sections 8-4 and 8-5. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. **MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See later this page for ordinance.)

Utility: Water Line Oversizing  
Reimbursement, Cottages at  
Honey Creek, NE Sunset Blvd

Utilities Committee Vice Chair Briere presented a report regarding the reimbursement request for oversizing the water line for the Cottages at Honey Creek subdivision. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the request for reimbursement in the total amount of \$22,926.58 from Davis Real Estate Group for costs related to the oversizing of the water line within the subdivision as requested by the City's Utility Division.

City Code allows developers and property owners to request that the City participate in the cost of the utility improvement when the City requires that the utility be oversized for the best interest of the City and the general locality. **MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

### **Finance Committee**

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 248437 - 24886 and two wire transfers totaling \$3,278,559.21; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 63384 - 63574, one wire transfer, and 622 direct deposits totaling \$1,992,797.05. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Finance: Temporary Interfund  
Loans

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding temporary interfund loans. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the resolution granting authority for loans between City funds. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See below for resolution.)

### **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

#### **Resolution #3811**

Finance: Temporary Interfund  
Loans

A resolution was read granting authority for loans between City funds. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 6/5/2006 for second and final reading:

Utility: Billing Adjustments  
for Water Leaks

An ordinance was read adding Sections 8-4-46 to Chapter 4, Water, and 8-5-23 to Chapter 5, Sewers, of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation) of City Code allowing certain water and wastewater billing adjustments for water leaks. **MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/5/2006. CARRIED.**

### **AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Petersen -  
Highlands Subarea, Zoning  
Text & Zoning Map  
Amendments

Inez Petersen, 3306 Lake Washington Blvd. N., #3, Renton, 98056, inquired as to what law the Council President was accused of breaking during the public hearing concerning the Highlands Subarea zoning proposal held at the April 17th Council meeting. Mayor Keolker indicated that the answer was given by the City Attorney that evening. Council President Corman stated for the record that he does not believe he broke the law that night.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN.  
CARRIED. Time: 7:50 p.m.

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Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann

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